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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT Camp May Water Pipeline Project USDA Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest Espanola Ranger District Los Alamos County, New Mexico James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, of the Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF) is requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Camp May Water Pipeline Project. The Proposed Action includes the following elements: burial of approximately 4.3 miles (22,795 feet) of 12-inch-diameter water pipeline, 4-inch-diameter fiber optic conduit, and 6-inch-diameter electric conduit originating on Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) lands and traveling along Camp May Road to Pajarito Mountain Ski Area. The project would also include the development of a 250,000-gallon water tank located adjacent the existing Pajarito Water Tank #4 on DOE/NNSA lands as well as four booster pump stations at various locations along the proposed pipeline alignment. Specific components of the Proposed Action are described in greater detail in Chapter 2 of the DEA. The project would require approximately 20.3 acres of disturbance, with approximately 12.9 acres on National Forest System lands, 7.4 acres on DOE/NNSA lands, and 0.2 acres on private lands. In order to comply with current federal directives and New Mexico public health orders to contain the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, the SFNF is hosting an ongoing virtual "public meeting" at <https://arcg.is/0uKG4G>. This interactive story map allows visitors to review project information and anticipated environmental effects, ask questions, and submit comments electronically. The entire DEA is available on the Forest Service project website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53328>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Jonathan Hayden at jonathan.hayden@usda.gov or 505-438-5385. How to Comment and Timeframe The Notice of Opportunity to Comment on the DEA is anticipated to be released on May 20, 2020 in the SFNF newspaper of record, the Albuquerque Journal. Written, facsimile, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 days following that date. The publication date of the Notice of Opportunity to Comment in the Albuquerque Journal is the exclusive means for calculating the length of the comment period. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Comments may be made on any component of the Proposed Action. Written comments must be submitted to: Camp May Water Pipeline Project Environmental Assessment, James Melonas, Forest Supervisor, c/o Jonathan Hayden, Project Leader, 18537 US 84/285, Suite B, Espanola, NM 87532. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) and Word (.doc or .docx). Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted on the project website at: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=53328>. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments will have eligibility to file an objection under 36 CFR 218.8. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identify upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in the 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3). Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this project and will be subject to review pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Journal: May 20, 2020